



INTRO

*in subsets if needed
(15 min)*

CARE

Looking back on the last week,
what is one thing for which you're thankful
and one thing for which we can pray?

Pray.

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FOCUS

Today we're looking at a passage from Paul in Ephesians 2.
Paul is writing to help us grasp the grace of God imparted to us through Jesus.

Focus your attention on helping the group

- a) understand the significance of death in sin and life in Christ
- b) treasure the grace of God
- c) live as people no longer defined by sin but rather the righteousness of Christ

READ

and re-read

Ephesians 2:1–10

[1] And you were dead in the trespasses and sins [2] in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— [3] among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. [4] But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, [5] even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—[6] and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, [7] so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. [8] For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, [9] not a result of works, so that no one may boast. [10] For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (ESV)

DISCUSS

(30 min)

| 1 |

What are the main ideas of this passage?

| 2 |

Paul uses the terms death & life rather than good & bad to describe our state before and after the work of Jesus.

Why is that so significant?

| 3 |

Based on this passage, how would you describe grace?

What does dwelling on God's grace produce in us?

How does God's grace make us more gracious?

| 4 |

Because of God's grace what do we have to look forward to in the days to come?

What difference might knowing that make in our lives?

| 5 |

Verse 10 shows us that God's work on our behalf is meant to produce good works.

Rather than working for His grace, we work from His grace; motivated by gratitude and love rather than fear.

In this season of your life, what "good works" do you believe God has given you to carry out?

OBEY

(10 min)

| 1 |

Are there any principles to apply or commands to obey from our passage today?

| 2 |

Is there something you need to do
- and/or -
someone you need to tell in response to what you've learned today?

Prayer of Commission

